

Rural Physicians and Physician Assistants Grant and Scholarship Program, FY 99-00 Annual Reporting, 26-9-212, UCA

This Program was created to assist medically underserved rural areas of the State in the recruitment and retention of physicians and physician assistants. The Program provides loan repayment grants in exchange for a minimum two year service commitment in a medically underserved rural area of the State of Utah. At this time, the Program is not offering scholarships.

Annual Report Requirement	Grants		Scholarships		Total
	Physician	Physician Assistant	Physician	Physician Assistant	
(1) Number and Type Awarded	1	1	0	0	2
(2) Amount Awarded	\$48,800	\$48,800	\$0	\$0	\$97,600
(3) Grants Practicing Sites (Includes past grant recipients completing their service obligation)	Box Elder Co. - 4 Duchesne Co. - 1 Iron County - 1 Juab County - 1 Sevier County - 1 Tooele County - 1 Wasatch Co. - 2	Carbon County - 4 Duchesne Co. - 1 Emery County - 1	NA	NA	Counties - 9 Physicians - 11 Physician Assts - 6
(4) Scholarship Practicing Sites (Includes past scholarship recipients completing their service obligation)	NA	NA	Washington Co. - 2 Uintah County - 1	Carbon County - 1	Counties - 3 Physicians - 3 Physician Asst - 1
(5) Number Applicants (Also see (5) below)	6	5	0	0	11
(6) Administrative Expenses	\$31,440				\$31,440

(5) Number Applicants: One (1) physician applicant chose to go with National Health Service Corps, one (1) physician applicant was approved but did not have a match with an eligible site, two (2) physician applicants' site (same site) did not meet the eligibility criteria, and one (1) physician applicant's specialty was not approved. One (1) physician assistant applicant was approved but did not have a match with an eligible site, and three (3) physician assistant applicants did not meet the eligibility criteria for the Program.

Funds Returned from Defaulting Contractors: Due to penalties under the law (twice the amount of funding paid contractor, plus interest), approximately \$208,000 in funding has been returned to the program from contractors who have defaulted on their scholarships or grants. The funding returned from defaulting contractors will be used to fund other eligible physicians and physician assistants who are approved for a match with an approved employment site in a medically underserved area of the State of Utah.

Scholarship Component of Program: The statutory committee has elected to not pursue scholarships at this time in order to address the current needs at sites in medically underserved rural areas.